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Subject: SYRNA, Ward L.  
Kishiniov, nachtast do vestrobovaniya,  
SSSR -RUSK

Soviet tourist in Rome, Sep 1964

Source: Kna [T]

Date: 12 Sep 1964

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SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

1. Subject is Moldavian, journalist, aged approx. 40. Together with a group of Soviet tourists he stayed in Rome, Italy, in hotel "Ticciano", 110 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, where they had a separate dining room for themselves. Source met Subject on 1 and 2 Sep 1964 in hotel "Ticciano". Source also tried to help Subject and his colleagues in sightseeing but they excused themselves with having their own guide (a lady from the Soviet Embassy in Rome).

Subject exchanged addresses with Source but refused to give his private address. He also promised to look for Source's relatives in Western Ukraine (Source gave him some fictitious data).

2. In discussing various topics Subject stuck to official party line and was rather interested in learning more about Source himself. Subject's views brought nothing of real interest, he just was reiterating old generally known phrases about wisdom of Khrushchev, care of the communist party, cultural and economic developments, improvements after Stalin's death etc.

Though he claimed to be a journalist his knowledge of world affairs and even of Marxism-Leninism seemed to be quite perfunctory. When pinned down on controversial topics he simply used to change the theme. He did not seem to be very much concerned about "problems" anyway. All the time he spoke in Russian.

3. Subject was usually seen in company of a Georgian (aged 35-40) who told Source that his brother and uncle left Georgia for the West during the war:

When next day Source wanted to give him the

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... called that he was no longer interested in finding his  
relatives.

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